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Introduction

Since 1998, the Federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has required states to conduct a study of child care market rates to evaluate the adequacy of state reimbursement rates for the purpose of demonstrating equal access to child care for low-income families. States use the results of these market rate surveys to inform rate-setting policy and to establish maximum reimbursement rates for children served through child care assistance programs. The Federal policy's underlying purpose is to encourage states to establish child care payment rates that are high enough to enable families receiving child care assistance to find and afford care.

Historically, ACF has encouraged states to use market rate survey findings to inform the setting of maximum reimbursement rates for child care subsidies. Federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) regulations state that maximum rates “established at least at the 75th percentile would be regarded as providing equal access.” At this level, a state's reimbursement rate would be equal to, or exceed, the rates charged by providers for 75% of the child care slots available in the market. However, the Federal government views the 75th percentile as a benchmark rather than a requirement. For a sense of perspective, as of 2015, only one state was reported to set reimbursement rates at the 75th percentile.¹ In making state-to-state comparisons for this benchmark, however, it should be noted that each state uses different definitions and methodologies to conduct market rate surveys; states also differ significantly in the approach they take in balancing priorities for quality, access, and affordability.

A 2008 report funded by ACF, *Study of Market Prices: Validating Child Care Market Rate Surveys*, provides the main source of guidance on conducting valid child care market rate surveys.² Beyond this report, states have been given little guidance about how to conduct these surveys, or how to use the information in their rate-setting process.^{3,4,5} The ICF Team worked with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to design and implement the 2015 Child Care Market Rate Survey based on the recommended practices from the 2008 ACF study and guidance provided in CCDF regulations.

This report provides summary data based on the reported market rates for child care throughout the State of Maine by age of the child and by child care setting. For each type of child care program, full-time, part-time and before/after school, market rates are provided at both the statewide level (50th, 60th, 75th, and 90th percentiles) and at the county levels (50th, 60th, 75th, and 90th percentiles). Where applicable, rates were also collected based on the quality of care (inclusion in Maine's *Quality Rating and Improvement System* — *Quality for ME* and for accredited care).

¹ Schulman, K. & Blank, H. (2015). *Building Blocks: State Child Care Assistance Policies 2015*, National Women's Law Center. Web: http://nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/CC_RP_Building_Blocks_Assistance_Policies_2015.pdf

² Grobe, D., Weber, R., Davis, E., Kreader, J., & Pratt, C. (2008). *Study of Market Prices: Validating Child Care Market Rate Surveys*. Oregon Child Care Research Project and Oregon State University Family Policy Research Partnership.

³ Stoney, L. 1994. *Promoting Access to Quality Child Care: Critical Steps in Conducting Market Rate Surveys and Establishing Rate Policies*. Washington, D.C.: Children's Defense Fund.

⁴ Karolak, E., Collins, R., & Stoney, L. 2001. *Conducting Market Rate Surveys and Establishing Rate Policies*. Washington, D.C.: National Child Care Information Center.

⁵ Weber, R. B., Grobe, D., Davis, E. E., Kreader, J. L., and Pratt, C., 2007. *Child Care Market Rate Survey Practices of States, Territories, and Tribes*. Corvallis, OR: Family Policy Program, Oregon State University. Web: <http://www.researchconnections.org/location/ccrca12266>.

Methodology and Survey Outcomes

Survey Population

The Maine Child Care Market Rate Survey (MRS) was administered to all licensed and unlicensed child care providers in the state. Although many states only sample a portion of the population, due to the relatively few number of providers in Maine, it is financially feasible to conduct a census that will also result in more accurate results. The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) supplied the list of providers, including legal, unregulated providers. The data file contained provider information including the program's name, the program type (i.e., Center, Family, LUR), provider e-mail address, provider physical address, and provider phone number. The final list contained 2,165 unique providers, including 848 center-based providers (Centers), 1,164 family child care providers (Family), and 153 legal, unregulated providers (LUR).

In 2015, the survey was administered via web, mail, and telephone to maximize the possibility of reaching providers. Over the course of the survey, various child care providers were removed from the sample population—specifically, those that had ceased offering child care services. Due to the multi-mode administration, ICF was able to contact all providers through at least one medium, meaning no providers were excluded due to being unreachable. Table 1 provides the eligibility breakdown. In sum, 2,070 providers were eligible to complete the survey.

Table 1: Survey Population by Provider Type

	Center	Family	LUR	Total
Population Frame	848	1,164	153	2,165
Ineligible*	56	31	8	95
Eligible Population	792	1,133	145	2,070

*Consists of former providers

Child care providers were deemed ineligible for the survey if they no longer provided care. The most commonly cited reason for no longer providing child care was an "Other reason" (57%). The next most commonly selected option was "Personal reasons" (16%). Table 2 shows the full distribution of responses.

Table 2: Reasons No Longer Providing Child Care

Response Option	Percent
Lack of demand for care	7%
Financial challenges	8%
Personal reasons	16%
Challenges in meeting regulatory requirements	2%
Other reason	57%
No Answer	10%

Survey Instrument Design

The MRS instrument asks providers for information regarding their child care program, including their current enrollment numbers, hours and days of operation, accreditation status (Center and Family providers only), resources provided at no additional charge (e.g., meals, diapers, art supplies, etc.), and

experience caring for children with behavioral problems, special needs, and who are homeless. Providers were also asked to indicate the child care rates for the ages they serve (e.g., infant, pre-school, etc.) and across time categories (e.g., part-time monthly, full-time weekly, daily, etc.).

In 2015, ICF, in collaboration with OCFS, updated the MRS instrument to reflect feedback from stakeholders in the Maine child care community, and reformatted it to improve its readability. Formatting changes focused on using visual cues such as tables and shading to help providers complete the survey more quickly and accurately. In addition, ICF attempted to increase provider comprehension by defining concepts clearly at the outset. Instruments are provide in *Appendix D*.

Data Collection

The MRS was administered using a multi-mode data collection methodology, utilizing web, mail, and CATI (Computer-assisted Telephone Interviewing). Utilizing various modes decreases coverage error and increases response rates;⁶ these leads to more accurate estimates of the child care market rates. Data collection consisted of an initial pre-notification letter mailed to all providers, followed by an invitation e-mail with a secure web link, and up to two e-mail reminders. At the conclusion of the e-mail protocol, non-responders received up to three mail contacts consisting of a survey packet, a reminder postcard, and a second survey packet. Lastly, remaining non-responders received a seven-attempt phone protocol follow-up.

The details of each of the different survey modes are described below.

Web Instrument

A link to the MRS instrument was provided in the e-mail and mail communications. Pre-notification letters instructed providers to go to www.MaineChildCareSurvey.com where they were instructed to enter their MasterID (included in the letter) to access the instrument. E-mail communications included a personalized web link that logged respondents into the survey when selected. The web survey was activated the day pre-notification letters were sent and remained open throughout the entire data collection period.

Mail Instrument

Non-responders to the web instrument were sent two mail survey packets at the end of the e-mail protocol. Survey packets included a cover letter, the mail survey, and a postage-paid envelope in which to return the completed survey. All mail surveys were printed with a barcode for tracking purposes. When a survey was returned, it was logged into ICF's mail tracker, which automatically updated the sample and the record's completion status. Returned mail surveys were scanned and then reviewed to ensure data entry accuracy.

Telephone (CATI) Instrument

Following the mail protocol, the telephone survey follow-up was administered to non-responders. ICF's trained telephone interviewers administered the telephone survey following a seven-attempt protocol. Interviewers administered the survey using a programmed survey script that guided the interviewer and respondent through the survey. Prior to calling, all interviewers received a project-specific training that would enable them to effectively administer the survey, and respond to any respondent questions or

⁶ Dillman, Don A. *Mail and Internet surveys: The tailored design method--2007 Update with new Internet, visual, and mixed-mode guide*. John Wiley & Sons, 2011.

concerns. The training reviewed the purpose and scope of the MRS, the survey instruments, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

Quality Control

ICF tracked individual provider completion status by assigning a unique identifying code (MasterID) during sample preparation. Using this unique identifier ensured that each respondent completed only one survey and that respondents did not receive further contacts about the survey once the completed survey was received. Further measures taken to reduce survey error included skip and branching patterns in the instrument; these prevented unnecessary or inappropriate questions from being asked of respondents. Moreover, the automated surveys (web and CATI) had built-in range and logic checks to minimize contradictory responses across questions, prevent the entry of unacceptable or inconsistent responses, and ensure correct data entry. Lastly, verification programs were built independently and test data generated by the survey instrument run were through the program to further ensure that the survey was operating correctly prior to data collection.

Survey Administration

In order to maximize response, ICF contacted providers multiple times through e-mail, with additional contacts provided via mail and telephone to non-responders or those without listed e-mail addresses. Table 3 lists and describes each phase of communication with survey respondents.

Table 3: Phases of Communication and Timing

Contact	Description	Date	Count
Pre-notification Letter	A letter to providers to introduce the survey and alert them to an upcoming a survey packet	8/28/2015	2,136
E-mail Invitation	E-mail inviting providers to complete survey	8/31/2015	1,780
E-mail Reminder 1	First reminder for providers	9/4/2015	1,586
E-mail Reminder 2	Second reminder for providers	9/8/2015	1,453
Mail Survey Packet 1	First survey packet, containing a letter to the provider, survey, and additional envelope to mail back the survey	9/15/2015	1,854
Mail Postcard Reminder	A postcard reminding providers to complete survey	9/21/2015	1,606
Mail Survey Packet 2	Second survey packet	9/29/2015	1,403
Begin Dialing Non-responders	Interviewers at ICF call centers begin dialing non-respondents	10/21/2015	1,005
End Data Collection		11/4/2015	

Pre-notification Letter

Pre-notification letters were sent to each provider on August 28, 2015. The pre-notification letter explained the survey's purpose, indicated that subsequent contacts would be sent via e-mail and mail, and provided the web link for respondents to complete the survey online. Additionally, the pre-

notification letter indicated contact information for ICF's Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and e-mail help desk should respondents have questions or concerns related to the research effort.

E-mail Protocol

On August 31, 2015, providers with listed e-mail addresses were e-mailed an invitation to take the survey online. The link provided in the e-mail was personalized so as to provide optimal convenience for accessing the instrument. Follow-up reminder e-mails were sent to non-responders.

Mail Protocol

The mail protocol consisted of three contacts, two survey packets, and a postcard reminder. The first survey packet was sent on September 15, 2015 to those who had not responded to the e-mail protocol, did not have a listed e-mail address, or had not completed the survey online via the information provided in the pre-notification letter. Mail materials for each respective mailing consisted of:

- **Survey Packets 1 and 2**—Survey packets consisted of a cover letter, the correct provider type survey, and a pre-paid envelope packaged in a outgoing envelope that displayed the DHHS logo. Letters were personalized with the provider's name for Family providers (when possible), while addressed to the "Director" for Center providers.
- **Reminder Postcard**—The standard-sized postcard was printed in black ink, and personalized with the provider's name for Family providers (when possible), while addressed to the "Director" for Center providers.

Tracking and Entering Mail Returns

ICF built a sample-tracking database to track mail returns and completed surveys. This system directly linked the mail survey receipt control system to the web and telephone survey sample, as well as to the master sample frame database.

Mail returns were processed daily and logged in the sample-tracking database. All returned surveys were checked in by MasterID (the unique number assigned to each record), and deemed usable or unusable based on visual examination of the questionnaire (i.e. unusable questionnaires were blank, illegible, so damaged as to be unreadable, etc.). Unusable surveys remained in the active sample, while usable ones were given a terminal disposition so that the provider would not be contacted again.

Telephone Protocol

On October 21, 2015, ICF began placing follow-up calls to providers who had not responded to the survey via web or mail, in an effort to encourage non-responders to complete the survey over the telephone. Prior to calling providers, telephone interviewers participated in a project-specific training that reviewed the survey's background and purpose, overall design, and data collection protocols. Trainers also reviewed each question within the survey instrument with interviewers. Lastly, interviewers engaged in a "practice shift" that involved working through the questionnaire on the CATI system and reviewing a wide range of possible interviewing scenarios.

ICF implemented the following protocol for MRS:

- **Number of Attempts:** Interviewers made a maximum of seven attempts to reach an eligible provider for each working telephone number. No more than one attempt was made on any telephone number in a day, except in the cases where a respondent requested a specific appointment, or the line was busy.

- **Calling Period:** Each number was called a maximum of seven times over a two-week calling period or until a completed interview or other final outcome (e.g., refusal) was achieved. The days and times each number was called were distributed throughout the calling period, ensuring adequate coverage of weekdays and weeknights.
- **Lines with a Busy Signal or No-Answer:** ICF's CATI system automatically handles call-backs for "no-answer" and "busy" outcomes.
 - Lines with a busy signal were called back a minimum of two times in a calling session, at 20-minute intervals. If the line was still busy after the second attempt, the number was dialed again during the next calling shift, until the record was resolved.
 - Interviewers left messages on answering machines and voice-mail systems. They identified themselves as calling on behalf of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and left the toll-free number, along with the provider's MasterID number.
- **Appointments for call-backs:** Respondents were able to request that an interviewer call them back at a more convenient time. If a respondent had to terminate an interview, but wanted to finish at a later time, it was possible to set a definite call-back for an exact time and restart the interview where it left off; if the interviewer who began the survey was available, the system sent the call back to that particular interviewer.

IVR/E-mail Help Desk

ICF hosted a toll-free IVR telephone line and e-mail help desk throughout survey fielding. Contact information was provided in all communications, and the toll-free telephone line was also provided in voice-mails. IVR is a telephone technology with intelligent routing and automated responses to satisfy respondents' needs and general information requests. ICF programmed and hosted an IVR tailored to the MRS project. This IVR allowed respondents to select one of the following options: **(1)** speak to an interviewer to complete the survey; **(2)** learn more about the study; or **(3)** leave voice-mail. Voice-mail messages were returned within one business day.

The e-mail help desk was staffed during normal business hours, and was available to respondents who wished to e-mail questions or had any technical issues accessing the web survey.

Survey Outcomes

Response Rates

Of the 2,165 unique child care providers, 95 of those providers no longer provided child care, leaving 2,070 eligible providers to complete the survey. A total of 1,263 valid individual surveys were completed, yielding an overall response rate of 61%. The response rates varied somewhat between provider types and mode, and are provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Response Rates by Provider Type and Mode

	Center	Family	LUR	Total
Eligible Population	792	1,133	145	2,070
Web Completes	318	356	16	690
Web Percentage	46%	52%	2%	55%
Mail Completes	155	292	24	471
Mail Percentage	33%	62%	5%	37%
Phone Completes	31	62	9	102
Phone Percentage	30%	61%	9%	8%
Total	504	710	49	1,263
Total Percentage	40%	56%	4%	
Response Rate	64%	63%	34%	61%

Table 5 provides the response rate across county.

Table 5: Response Rates by County

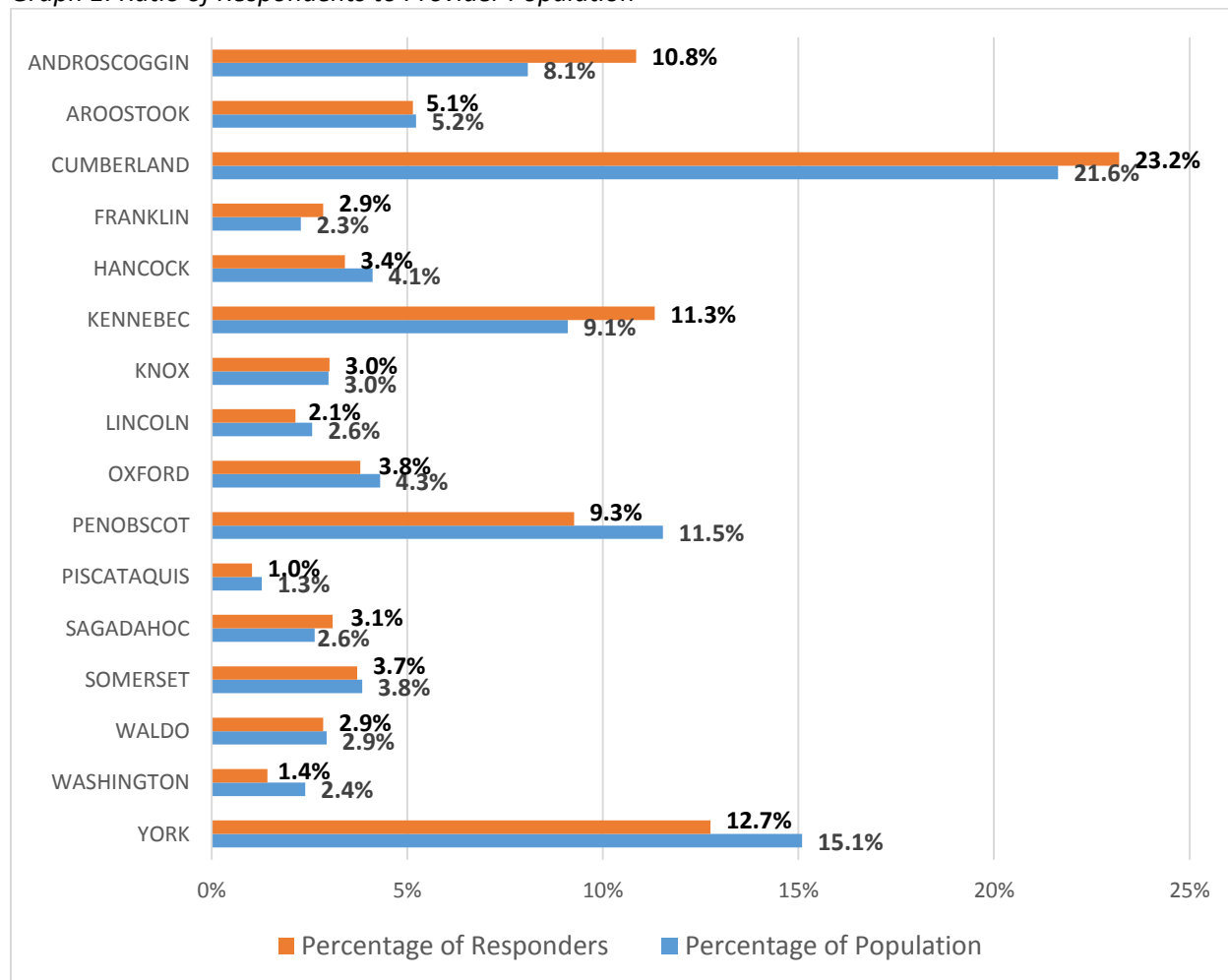
County	Eligible Population	Responses	Response Rate	% of Total Responders
Androscoggin	250	137	55%	11%
Aroostook	105	65	62%	5%
Cumberland	433	293	68%	23%
Franklin	58	36	62%	3%
Hancock	71	43	61%	3%
Kennebec	213	143	67%	11%
Knox	60	38	63%	3%
Lincoln	37	27	73%	2%
Oxford	76	48	63%	4%
Penobscot	194	117	60%	9%
Piscataquis	21	13	62%	1%
Sagadahoc	65	39	60%	3%
Somerset	72	47	65%	4%
Waldo	60	36	60%	3%
Washington	32	18	56%	1%
York	292	161	55%	13%
Unknown	31	2	6%	< 1%
Total	2,070	1,263	61%	100%

Data Validity

An analysis of the responses indicates that the data collected represents the provider population distribution across counties within the state. Graph 1 shows the distribution of the population by county

against responding providers by county, revealing a very similar distribution and no concerns for sources of bias.

Graph 1: Ratio of Respondents to Provider Population



Rate Trimming and Cleaning

The majority of completes received were either via web or mail. Given that these modes are self-administered (i.e., without the aid of an interviewer), respondents occasionally report rates that are deemed to be implausibly high or low. Statistical outliers were identified and trimmed in an attempt to better the precision of the market rate estimates. Rate trimming consisted of taking extreme values and either setting them down to the 97.5th percentile of reported rates if the rate was high, or rounding the rate up to the 2.5th percentile if the rate was low.

Another issue identified was that some respondents provided a rate for a time and age group that was the same as the rate for another time (e.g., the same rate for daily full-time pre-schoolers as monthly full-time pre-schoolers). To address this issue, the repeated rate was left equal to the time range that had the relatively nearest median rate across all other respondents. The other repetitions of that rate within an age group were then assigned to zero.

Lastly, in instances where a respondent would write in a rate (e.g., “20 / Day”), algorithms were created and used to assign data to equal the intended rate. For example, “20 / DAY” was set to \$20 in the daily rate category of that respective age group. Instances that were ambiguous, 18 in total, were excluded from the data analysis so as not to introduce bias or error from potential misinterpretation.

Weighting

Market rates in this report are weighted by number of available slots, in order to accurately represent the varying sizes of providers. Desired capacity was selected over licensed capacity as the weighting factor because it represented the true capacity of a provider. Each rate was weighted by the provider’s desired capacity for the age group. For example, if a provider listed a daily rate of \$40 for infants, with a desire to care for eight infants, the \$40 rate received a weight of eight. Rates were excluded from the analysis if the provider indicated a desired capacity of zero for a given age group.

Market Rate Conversions

Market rates in this report are provided on a daily and weekly basis. Using the information provided by respondents, the full-time rates were converted into daily and weekly rates based on the formulas in Table 6. These conversion formulas are similar to those used in the 2013 analysis. For missing daily rates, ICF calculated daily conversions from the provider’s hourly, weekly, and monthly rates. When a provider responded to more than one rate category, ICF evaluated each converted rate based on how close it was to the median daily rate from the survey responses. The converted rate that is closest to the median was selected. Similarly, for missing weekly rates, ICF calculated weekly conversions from the provider’s hourly, daily, and monthly rates. In addition, when the provider included a part-time weekly rate, ICF converted it to full-time based on an adjustment factor (see below). When a provider responded to more than one rate category, ICF evaluated each converted rate based on how close it was to the median weekly rate from the survey responses. The converted rate closest to the median was selected.

Table 6: Daily and Weekly Conversion

Units Provided	Conversion to Daily Rates	Conversion to Weekly Rates
Conversions for Full-time Rates		
Hourly	Hourly rate x Average daily operating hours	Hourly rate x Total weekly operating hours
Daily	N/A	Daily rate x Number of operating days
Weekly	Weekly rate / Number of operating days	N/A
Monthly	Monthly rate / (Number of operating days x 4)	Monthly rate / 4

The conversion factor (c) between part-time and full-time was calculated using regression to determine the relationship between full-time and part-time, $PT = c \times FT$. The conversion factors and the number of providers reporting both rates are presented in Table 7.

Table 7. Full-time to Part-time Conversion Factors

	Weekly		Monthly	
	Number of Providers	Full-time to Part-time Adjustment	Number of Providers	Full-time to Part-time Adjustment
Centers				
Infants	111	0.73	24	0.71
Toddlers	128	0.74	37	0.77
Pre-schoolers	168	0.73	68	1.32
School-age	139	0.69	23	0.58
Family				
Infants	203	0.67	29	0.66
Toddlers	217	0.66	39	0.65
Pre-schoolers	217	0.67	37	0.65
School-age	227	0.63	43	0.63

Market Rate Percentile Estimates

ICF computed percentile estimates for the state and each county. The percentile estimates were weighted by the desired capacity such that the percentiles reflect child care availability. Therefore, the p th percentile rate reflects the point where $p\%$ of the desired capacity is located in child care facilities with rates less than the p th percentile, and $100-p\%$ of the desired capacity is located in child care facilities with rates greater than or equal to the p th percentile.

When the number of providers in a county was less than 10, ICF collapsed the responses with a nearby county to improve the percentile estimation. Table 8 provides the counties that were collapsed together for the percentile analysis.

Table 8. Collapsed Counties

Center	Franklin, Piscataquis, and Somerset
	Knox and Waldo
	Hancock and Washington
	Lincoln, and Sagadahoc
Family	Knox and Waldo
	Piscataquis and Somerset

After collapsing, all county or county groups had at least 10 provider responses for each rate and age category except for: 1) center school-age part-time weekly in Franklin, Piscataquis, and Somerset; and 2) center school-age daily and weekly (full-time and part-time) in Aroostook. These all had nine responding providers.

Analysis

Characteristics of Providers

The state's child care providers, based on the most recent market rates, report the capacity to serve a combined total of 5,635 children (4,359 for Center providers and 1,276 for Family providers).

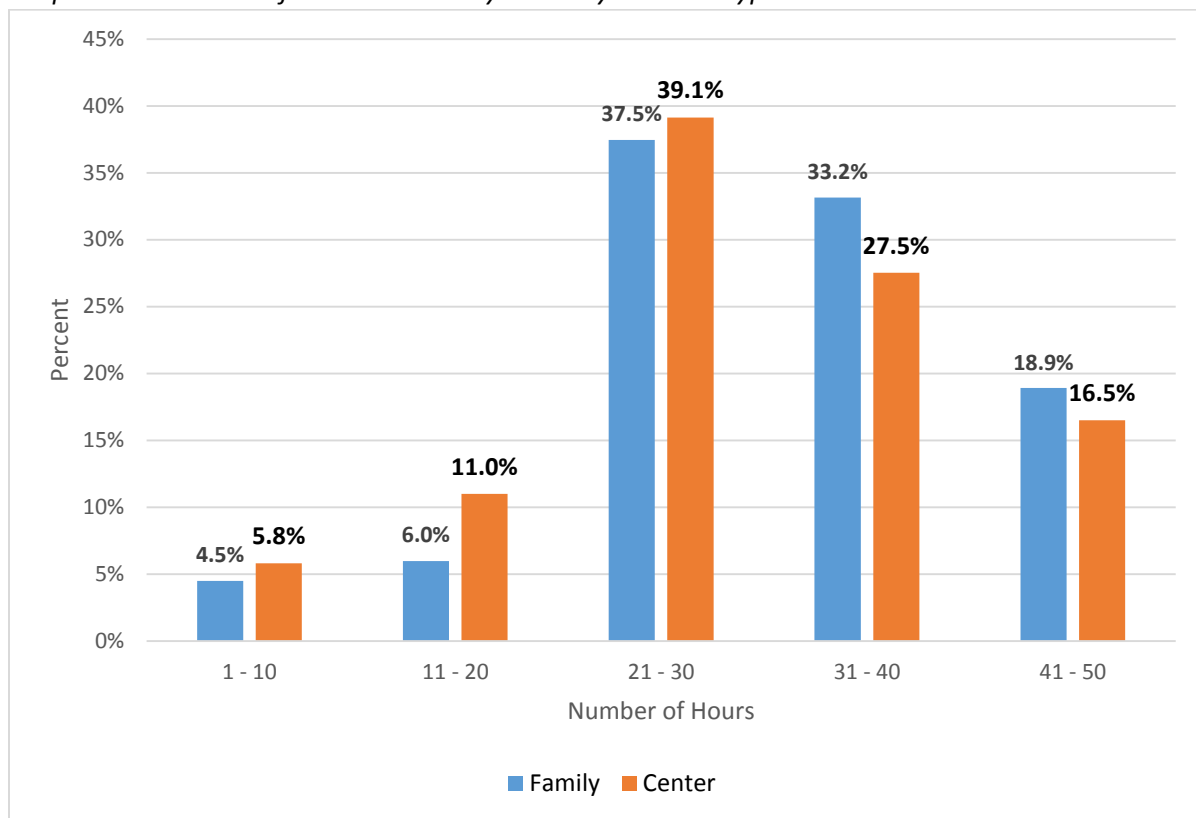
Furthermore, there is a desire to serve more than 29,440 children, predominantly at the pre-school-age level. Table 9 provides the statewide vacancies and desired capacities by age across provider type.

Table 9: Statewide Vacancies, Subsidized and Desired Capacities by Age

		Centers	Family	Total
Infants	Vacancies	250	182	432
	Subsidized Capacity	859	474	1,333
	Desired Capacity	1,702	1,169	2,871
Pre-school	Vacancies	1,469	454	1,923
	Subsidized Capacity	3,351	975	4,326
	Desired Capacity	9,026	2,531	11,557
School-age	Vacancies	2,091	330	2,421
	Subsidized Capacity	3,351	975	4,326
	Desired Capacity	7,226	1,997	9,223
Toddlers	Vacancies	549	310	859
	Subsidized Capacity	1,698	836	2,534
	Desired Capacity	3,791	1,998	5,789
Total	Vacancies	4,359	1,276	5,635
	Subsidized Capacity	9,259	3,260	12,519
	Desired Capacity	21,745	7,695	29,440

Child care providers were asked how many hours per week constituted full-time child attendance. Responses were placed into five categories. The distribution of providers for each response category are provided in Graph 2; however, the most frequently indicated category for both Center and Family providers was 21–30 hours.

Graph 2: Distribution of Full-Time Weekly Hours by Provider Type



The majority of Center and Family providers did not offer any weekend hours (3% and 2%, respectively). In contrast, 35% of LUR providers offered weekend hours, acting as the main source of child care for families in need of weekend child care support.

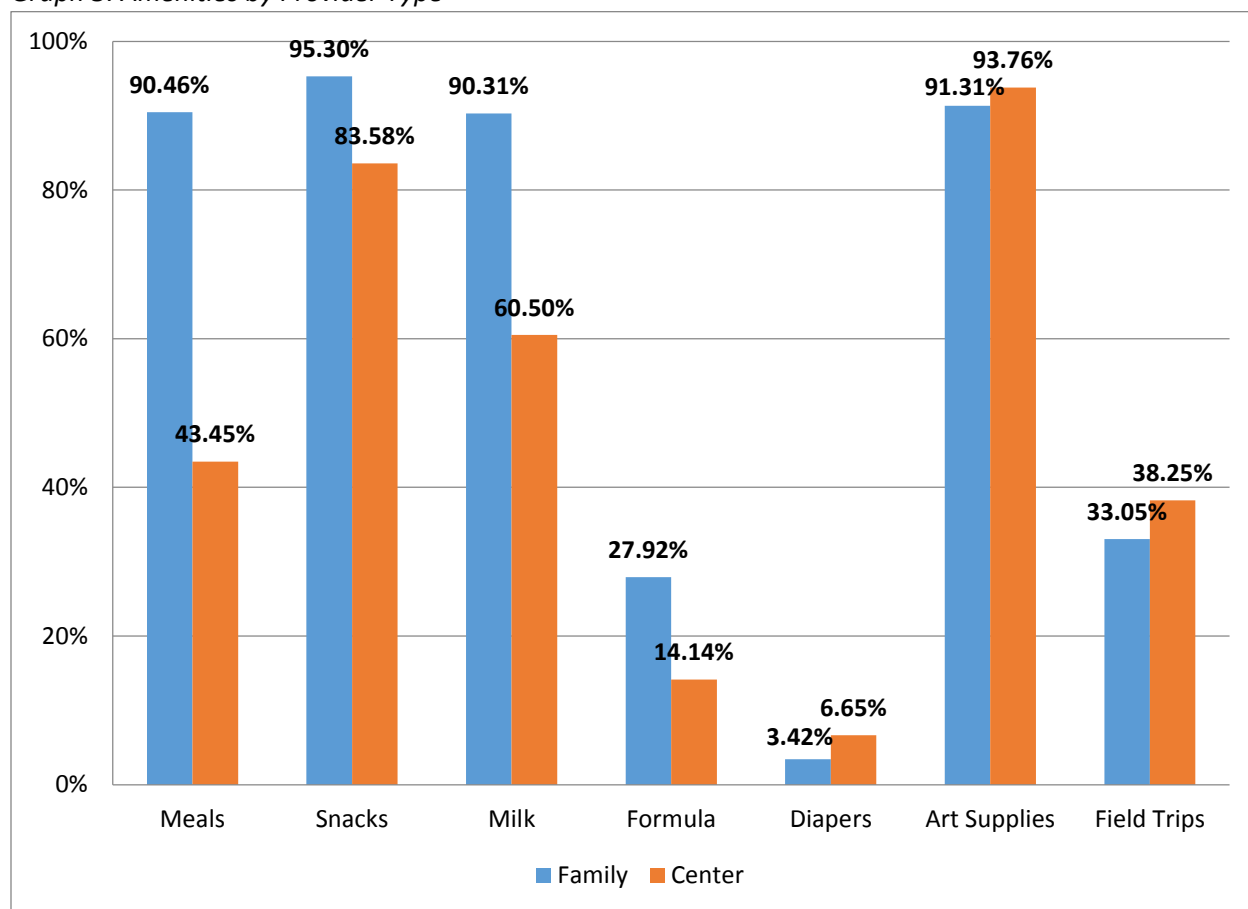
Accreditation

A little over 28% (28.3%) of Center providers indicated that they had obtained, or were pursuing, accreditation. A little over 14% (14.2%) of Family providers indicated that they had obtained, or were pursuing, accreditation.

Additional Amenities

Providers were asked about additional amenities (e.g., snacks, milk, diapers, etc.) that are provided to children in their care at no extra cost to parents. Graph 3 presents the distribution of amenities provided at no extra cost across provider type.

Graph 3: Amenities by Provider Type



Caring for Children with Behavioral Problems

Recent data indicate that expulsions and suspensions occur at high rates in preschool settings.^{7,8,9} This is particularly troubling given that research suggests that school expulsion and suspension practices are associated with negative educational and life outcomes.^{10,11,12} In addition, stark racial and gender disparities exist in these practices, with young boys of color being suspended and expelled much more frequently than other children. These trends have raised national attention, and the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Education have issued a Policy Statement on Expulsion and

⁷ Gilliam, W. S. (2005). Prekindergartners left behind: Expulsion rates in state prekindergarten systems. New York, NY: Foundation for Child Development.

⁸ U.S Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (2014). Data Snapshot: Early Childhood Education.

⁹ Gilliam, W.S., & Shahar, G. (2006). Preschool and child care expulsion and suspension: Rates and predictors in one state. *Infants & Young Children*, 19, 228–245.

¹⁰ Lamont, J. H., Devore, C. D., Allison, M., Ancona, R., Barnett, S. E., Gunther, R., & Young, T. (2013). Out-of-school suspension and expulsion. *Pediatrics*, 131(3), e1000-e1007.

¹¹ Petras, H., Masyn, K. E., Buckley, J. A., Jalongo, N. S., & Kellam, S. (2011). Who is most at risk for school removal? A multilevel discrete-time survival analysis of individual- and context-level influences. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 103, 223.

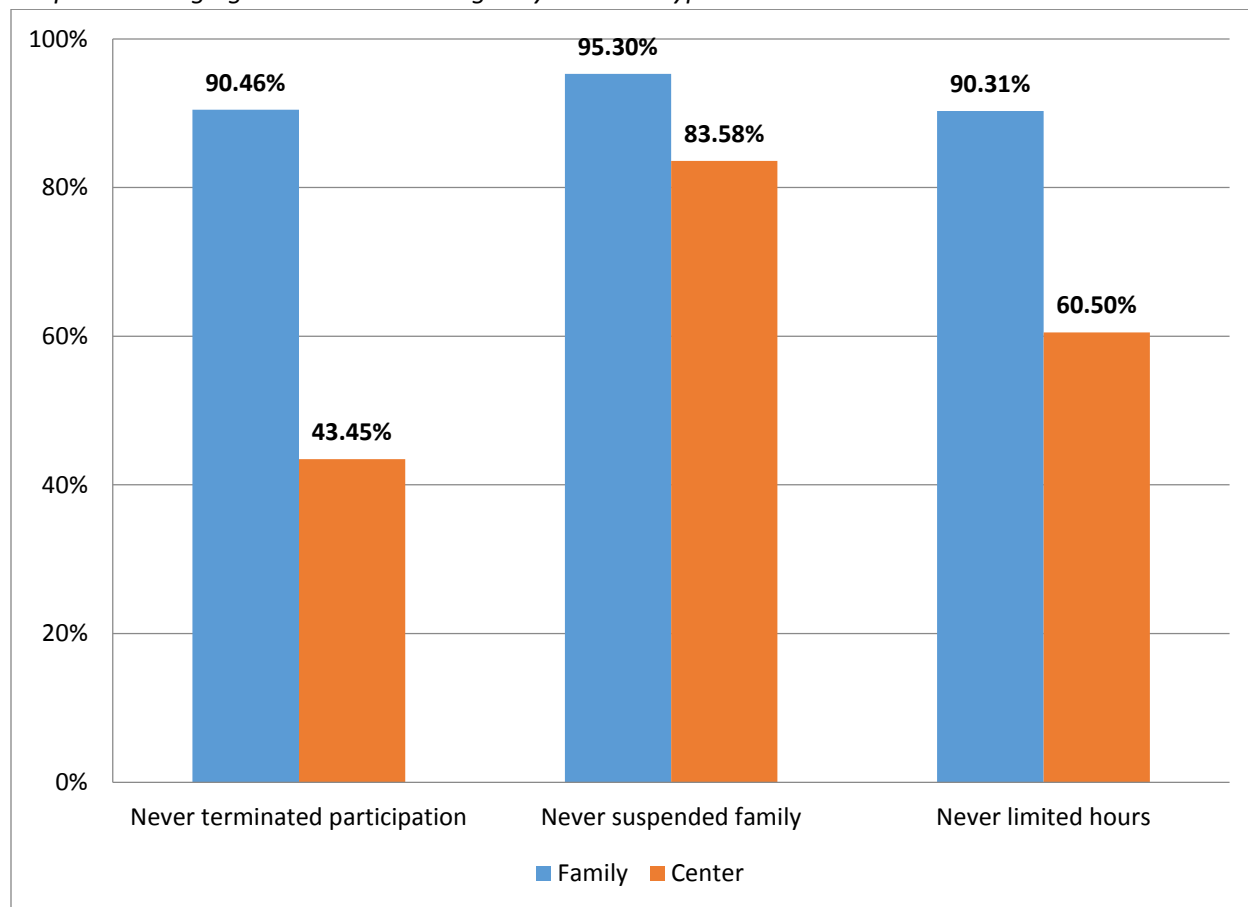
¹² American Psychological Association, Zero Tolerance Task Force Report (2008). An evidentiary review and recommendations.

Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings. Additionally, the reauthorized CCDF includes additional requirements in this area.

To provide information that can support analysis of states policies on this topic, the MRS survey asked providers about recent experiences related to managing children with behavioral problems. Specifically, the instrument asked providers to identify whether within the past 12 months they had terminated, suspended, or limited a child's care due to behavioral problems. Additional questions were asked regarding whether provider child care programs currently served any children with special needs, for their perspective on the ability of their program to accommodate children with special needs given current resources available, and what additional supports would help to better support children with special needs. Lastly, providers were asked whether they had served any children with families experiencing homelessness in the past twelve months.

Over 90% of Family providers indicated that they had never terminated, suspended, or limited the hours of an attending child due to behavioral challenges. In contrast, only 43% of Centers had never terminated an attending child, and 61% had never limited the hours of an attending child due to behavioral challenges. Graph 4 provides the full results by provider type.

Graph 4: Managing Behavioral Challenges by Provider Type



Caring for Children with Special Needs and from Families that have Experienced Homelessness

The reauthorized CCDF includes a number of new provisions intended to strengthen the access that priority populations have to high-quality early childhood programs. For examples, states must give

priority for child care assistance to children of families with very low incomes and children with special needs, as defined by states. Additionally, states must also develop processes to expedite enrollment of homeless children pending completion of documentation. With these policy changes in mind, the survey asked providers to share information about their experiences in serving children with special needs and with children from families that have experienced homelessness.

Seventy-four percent of Center providers and 39% of Family providers indicated that they currently served children with special needs. Table 10 provides the percentage of programs that rated their program's ability to accommodate children with special needs.

Table 10: Special Needs Accommodation Rating by Provider Type

Provider Type	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Center	16%	34%	29%	19%	3%
Family	7%	29%	35%	24%	6%

Overall, the most commonly selected additional resource needed to better support children with special needs was "Therapists who provide services on-site" (56%) for both Center and Family providers. The second most commonly identified resource for family providers was "Increased reimbursement rate" (47%), while Center providers identified "Additional in-person trainings" (56%). Table 11 provides the percentage of programs that indicated each resource by provider type.

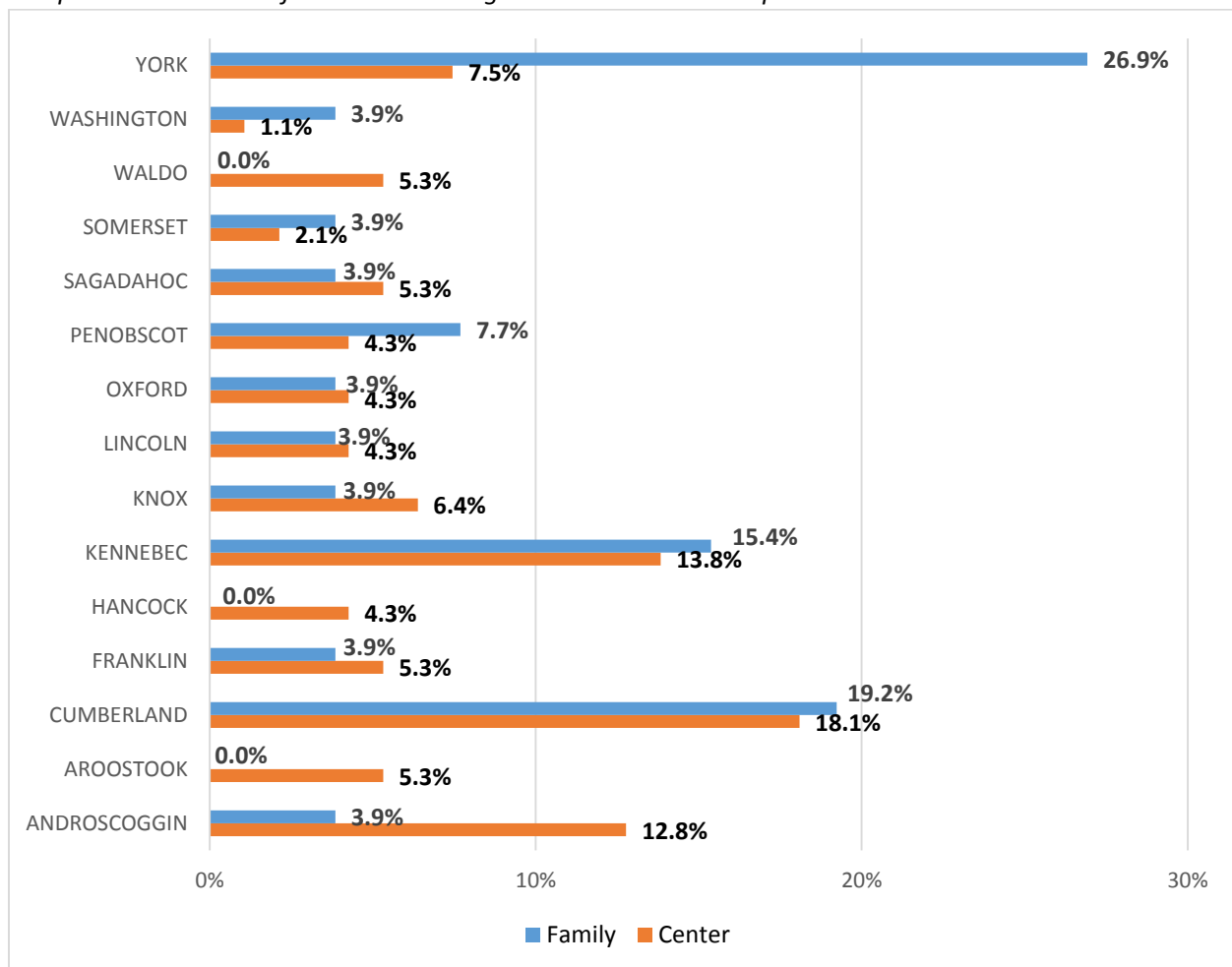
Table 11: Resources by Provider Type

	Center	Family	Total
Increased reimbursement rate	50%	47%	48%
Additional in-person trainings	56%	39%	46%
Consultations	33%	28%	30%
On-site therapists	62%	51%	56%
Networking or peer discussion groups	32%	31%	31%
Other	12%	14%	13%

As OCFS considers strategies to strengthen access to high-quality care for children with special needs, there may be lessons to learn from other states. For example, 37 states have differential rates for children with special needs. The ICF team could provide additional information on the specific funding levels provided in these other states, as well as other non-financial strategies that they have taken to strengthen access.

Nineteen percent of Center providers and 4% of Family providers indicated that they had served children from families experiencing homelessness within the past 12 months. The distribution of providers in each county that indicated they served families experiencing homelessness is provided in Graph 5.

Graph 5: Distribution of Providers Serving Families Who Have Experienced Homelessness



Market Rates

At the state level, the market rates are reported at the 50th, 60th, 75th, and 90th percentiles in Table 12 for weekly full-time and for all time periods in *Appendices A and B*. At the county level, the 50th, 60th, 75th and 90th percentiles are reported in *Appendices A and B*. A percentile is defined as the percentage of providers whose rates are at, or below, the reported market rate.

Table 12: Statewide Weekly Rates by Provider Type and Age Group

		Full-Time Percentiles			
Provider Type	Age Group	50th	60th	75th	90th
Center	Infant	\$199.00	\$213.00	\$240.00	\$277.00
	Toddler	\$189.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$257.50
	Preschool	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$205.00	\$235.00
	School-age	\$101.48	\$116.00	\$125.00	\$137.00
Family	Infant	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$200.00
	Toddler	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
	Preschool	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
	School-age	\$86.50	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$130.00
		Part-Time Percentiles			
Provider Type	Age Group	50th	60th	75th	90th
Center	Infant	\$146.56	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$204.00
	Toddler	\$140.00	\$153.00	\$169.00	\$195.37
	Preschool	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
	School-age	\$68.98	\$75.88	\$90.00	\$100.00
Family	Infant	\$96.70	\$100.03	\$116.71	\$140.00
	Toddler	\$89.05	\$95.65	\$105.55	\$125.00
	Preschool	\$84.04	\$90.00	\$100.85	\$120.00
	School-age	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$85.00

The rates reported within this report represent only those providers who completed both the market rate and capacity portions of the survey. Each provider's rates are only included if he or she indicated serving the particular age group. As a result of this, the number of Center and Family providers used to determine the daily and weekly market rates for each age group are in Table 13. County sample sizes are presented in *Appendix K*.

Table 13. Sample Sizes for Percentile Calculations

		Center				Family			
		Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age	Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
Daily	-	239	277	364	256	523	567	588	481
Weekly	Full-time	240	282	363	251	523	569	586	488
	Part-time	237	281	362	248	509	566	581	474

A total of 57 LUR providers responded to the survey. Of these, 10 provided a full-time rate for infants; 11 for Toddlers; 11 for pre-school; and 27 for school age. Additionally, 19 provided a rate for part-time weekly. Less than five providers gave a rate for part-time weekly for infants, toddlers, and school age. These sample sizes are too small to calculate a reliable percentile estimate. Table 14 provides an overall statewide rate by age group, and a statewide part-time rate for school age children.

Table 14. LUR State-wide Percentiles by Age Group

Full-Time Percentiles					
Provider Type	Age Group	50th	60th	75th	90th
LUR Providers	Infant	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$210.00	\$600.00
	Toddler	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$505.00
	Preschool	\$127.50	\$130.00	\$180.00	\$262.50
	School-age	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$175.00
	Part-Time Percentiles				
	Age Group	50th	60th	75th	90th
	School-age	\$65.00	\$94.00	\$94.00	\$94.00

Geographic Variation

The cost of care varies rather significantly by county. For example, the 75th percentile rate for full-time weekly pre-school ranges from \$136 in Aroostook to \$235 in Cumberland for Center providers and \$100 in Aroostook to \$185 in Cumberland for Family providers. Cumberland has the highest weekly full-time rate except for the school-age Center rate, where it ranks behind York, Lincoln and Sagadahoc. Aroostook has the lowest rates for all ages except for school-age. The county ranks for each age group and provider type are presented in Table 15.

Table 15. County Ranks (RK) Weekly Full-time Rates for Each Age Group and Provider Type

	Center								Family							
	Infants		Toddlers		Pre-school		School-age		Infants		Toddlers		Pre-school		School-age	
	75 th	RK	75 th	RK	75 th	RK	75 th	RK	75 th	RK	75 th	RK	75 th	RK	75 th	RK
ANDROSCOGGIN	\$170	12	\$160	11	\$148	15	\$120	9	\$150	5	\$145	7	\$140	8	\$100	9
AROOSTOOK	\$167	16	\$135	16	\$136	16	\$125	7	\$110	16	\$100	16	\$100	16	\$100	9
CUMBERLAND	\$274	1	\$257	1	\$235	1	\$133	4	\$220	1	\$200	1	\$185	1	\$140	1
FRANKLIN	\$168	13	\$150	12	\$157	11	\$115	10	\$130	13	\$125	13	\$125	11	\$95	16
HANCOCK	\$205	3	\$185	5	\$160	7	\$130	5	\$150	5	\$135	11	\$150	4	\$120	5
KENNEBEC	\$200	5	\$180	7	\$160	7	\$125	7	\$150	5	\$140	8	\$130	10	\$100	9
KNOX	\$195	6	\$189	3	\$179	5	\$90	15	\$150	5	\$150	4	\$150	4	\$120	5
LINCOLN	\$190	8	\$180	7	\$192	2	\$137	2	\$140	12	\$140	8	\$165	2	\$100	9
OXFORD	\$175	11	\$150	12	\$155	14	\$115	10	\$150	5	\$140	8	\$125	11	\$100	9
PENOBSCOT	\$180	10	\$175	10	\$160	7	\$100	14	\$145	11	\$135	11	\$125	11	\$120	5
PISCATAQUIS	\$168	13	\$150	12	\$157	11	\$115	10	\$125	14	\$125	13	\$115	14	\$100	9
SAGADAHOC	\$190	8	\$180	7	\$192	2	\$137	2	\$155	4	\$150	4	\$150	4	\$140	1
SOMERSET	\$168	13	\$150	12	\$157	11	\$115	10	\$125	14	\$125	13	\$115	14	\$100	9
WALDO	\$195	6	\$189	3	\$179	5	\$90	15	\$150	5	\$150	4	\$150	4	\$120	5
WASHINGTON	\$205	3	\$185	5	\$160	7	\$130	5	\$175	3	\$165	3	\$135	9	\$130	3
YORK	\$237	2	\$225	2	\$190	4	\$140	1	\$190	2	\$175	2	\$160	3	\$125	4

The difference in rates between center- and family-based care also varies by county. Based on pre-school full-time weekly rates, Family providers in Piscataquis and Somerset charge 73% relative to Center providers and 74% in Aroostook. Family providers in Androscoggin and Hancock charge 95% and 94% relative to centers. Home-based settings are not always less expensive than Center providers, however, with full- time school-age care in Family providers costing just as much or more per week than Center-based care in six counties: Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Washington, Knox, Penobscot, and Waldo. The cost ratios for Family and Center providers are presented in Table 16 for each age group.

Table 16. Family-to-Center Cost Ratios for Each County and Age group

	Infants	Toddlers	Pre-school	School-age
ANDROSCOGGIN	88%	91%	95%	83%
AROOSTOOK	66%	74%	74%	80%
CUMBERLAND	80%	78%	79%	105%
FRANKLIN	77%	83%	79%	83%
HANCOCK	73%	73%	94%	92%
KENNEBEC	75%	78%	81%	80%
KNOX	77%	79%	84%	133%
LINCOLN	74%	78%	86%	73%
OXFORD	86%	93%	81%	87%
PENOBSCOT	81%	77%	78%	120%
PISCATAQUIS	74%	83%	73%	87%
SAGADAHOC	82%	83%	78%	102%
SOMERSET	74%	83%	73%	87%
WALDO	77%	79%	84%	133%
WASHINGTON	85%	89%	84%	100%
YORK	80%	78%	84%	89%

Similarly, the ratio between part-time care and full-time care varies across the counties. Based on pre-full-time weekly rates, the ratio of part-time to full-time care ranges from 72% (Hancock) to 83% (Penobscot) for Center providers and 66% (Lincoln) to 77% (Kennebec) for Family providers. The minimum and maximum ratios are fairly consistent across the age groups. For each age group, the minimum and maximum part-time to full-time ratios with the county in which they occur are presented in Table 17.

Table 17. The Minimum and Maximum Ratio of Part-time to Full-time for Each Age group

		Infants		Toddlers		Pre-school		School-age	
Center	Min	69%	(KENNEBEC)	71%	(FRANKLIN)	72%	(HANCOCK)	70%	(FRANKLIN)
	Max	75%	(KNOX)	78%	(YORK)	83%	(PENOBSCOT)	77%	(CUMBERLAND)
Family	Min	65%	(YORK)	65%	(PISCATAQUIS)	66%	(LINCOLN)	67%	(AROOSTOOK)
	Max	79%	(SAGADAHOC)	80%	(WASHINGTON)	77%	(KENNEBEC)	75%	(WASHINGTON)

Affordability in Context

The rates charged by child care providers can also be examined through the lens of those who pay them. Examining the proportion of income that families would have to expend for various types of care can provide insights into the challenges that they face in finding affordable care options that fit within their family budgets. When formal child care costs exceed affordability, parents may be left to consider alternative arrangements.

According to the Census Bureau, the median income of a married couple with children under 18 in Maine is \$76,056. A family with this level of income, paying the median rate for full-time infant care in a center, will devote 13% of their annual income to child care. For a toddler, they will pay 12%. For pre-school-aged children, they will pay 11% of their income for care. Only once children enter school do child care costs as a proportion of median family income drop into the single digits, at 8%. This challenge is further compounded when families may need to find care arrangements for multiple children.

Family providers take a significantly smaller portion of family income at 10% for infants, 9% for toddlers, and 9% for pre-schoolers—before dropping to 6% for school-age care.

The challenge of child care affordability can be an even greater challenge for single-parent families. Approximately 34% of children in Maine live with just one parent. Since 70% of these children live with their mother, it is important to further examine the affordability challenge in these circumstances. The challenge for single mothers can be even more significant than that of a married couple, given that the median income for a single mother in Maine is \$22,301.

For full-time care in a child care center, a single mother at the median income level would spend more than 25% of income, regardless of the child's age, for full-time care. For infants, it is 43%. Care for toddlers claims 40% of income and pre-schoolers require 37%. The cost of center-based care for a school-age child still accounts for 26% of a single mother's income. Home-based care is more affordable, but still comes in at 33% of income for infant and 30% for toddler care, before lowering to 29% and 20% for pre-school and school-age children, respectively.

Conclusion

Based on analysis of the survey data, the research team identified the following key findings:

- A statewide analysis of family incomes and the rates that providers charge for child care highlights possible challenges that many families may face in finding affordable care options that fit within their family budgets. This is especially pronounced for families with the lowest incomes and families headed by single mothers.
- A comparison of OCFS child care reimbursement rates and current market rates finds that OCFS rates are below the 75th market percentile in Center providers for infants and preschool care in each of the 16 counties, in 14 counties for toddlers and in seven counties for school-age care.
- A comparison of OCFS child care reimbursement rates and current market rates finds that OCFS rates are below the 75th market percentile in Family providers in each of the 16 counties for all age groups, except for school-age care, with 13 counties receiving less than the 75th percentile.

- Maine has both demand-side (child care income tax credit) and supply-side incentives (accreditation assistance, practitioner scholarships, child care investment tax credits) that are designed to strengthen early childhood program quality, but these financial incentives and the impact that they may have on improving access to care are not reflected in this analysis.
- While this analysis allows OCFS to compare child care reimbursement rates to the rates that providers charge to parents on the private market, it does not analyze the underlying cost structures that providers face in delivering services and how they may vary across provider types, child age, provider size, and geographic region. The new CCDF reauthorization will allow states to consider cost factors into their rate-setting methodologies moving forward.
- Given the large geographic size of many of the counties in Maine and the small number of providers in some counties, the current rate-setting methodologies may not reflect important local variations in child care rates. In general, the MRS found that there is a disparity in the level of access that OCFS reimbursement rates provide to families across different counties at both the 75th percentile and the 50th percentile. Other states have adopted market rate analyses and rate-setting methodologies to identify these local variations and develop rate structures that more closely reflect these local nuances and work toward more rate equity across regions.
- Providers reported significant incidences of having to terminate, suspend, or limit hours due to behavioral challenges and only half of providers reported that their ability to accommodate child with special needs was very good or excellent; this may indicate that providers need additional training and supports in managing children with behavioral challenges and other special needs.

Appendix A: Center Provider Market Rates

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant				Toddler				Preschool				School Age			
			50th	60th	75th	90th	50th	60th	75th	90th	50th	60th	75th	90th	50th	60th	75th	90th
Statewide	D	-	\$45.00	\$48.90	\$55.00	\$65.00	\$44.00	\$45.00	\$51.50	\$64.00	\$37.00	\$41.60	\$46.00	\$55.00	\$25.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$42.00
	W	F	\$199.00	\$213.00	\$240.00	\$277.00	\$189.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$257.50	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$205.00	\$235.00	\$101.48	\$116.00	\$125.00	\$137.00
		P	\$146.56	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$204.00	\$140.00	\$153.00	\$169.00	\$195.37	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$68.98	\$75.88	\$90.00	\$100.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	D	-	\$34.00	\$37.00	\$39.90	\$45.00	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$45.00	\$29.60	\$31.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$35.00
	W	F	\$155.00	\$167.00	\$170.00	\$199.00	\$152.00	\$155.00	\$160.00	\$189.00	\$135.00	\$142.00	\$148.00	\$179.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
		P	\$116.25	\$124.58	\$125.00	\$159.00	\$112.50	\$117.96	\$117.96	\$150.00	\$97.18	\$100.10	\$108.14	\$115.00	\$68.98	\$68.98	\$68.98	\$90.00
AROOSTOOK	D	-	\$31.00	\$32.80	\$33.40	\$33.40	\$26.00	\$27.00	\$29.80	\$30.60	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$27.20	\$27.20	\$22.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	W	F	\$155.00	\$164.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$122.08	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$153.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$136.00	\$136.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
		P	\$113.58	\$119.42	\$125.50	\$125.50	\$90.00	\$99.53	\$114.75	\$125.00	\$87.68	\$87.68	\$102.00	\$102.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
CUMBERLAND	D	-	\$53.20	\$55.00	\$57.60	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$51.50	\$54.73	\$71.75	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$48.00	\$61.90	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$57.00
	W	F	\$244.00	\$251.00	\$273.65	\$288.00	\$227.00	\$235.00	\$257.00	\$273.65	\$210.00	\$218.00	\$235.00	\$255.00	\$110.00	\$118.00	\$133.00	\$150.00
		P	\$183.20	\$194.19	\$200.53	\$243.00	\$170.00	\$176.94	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$156.36	\$169.00	\$180.00	\$221.94	\$82.50	\$89.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
FRANKLIN*	D	-	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$57.60	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$31.50	\$35.00	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$51.25
	W	F	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$167.93	\$288.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$151.68	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$157.48	\$175.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$115.00	\$125.00
		P	\$106.26	\$106.26	\$123.06	\$211.05	\$103.21	\$106.90	\$106.90	\$111.82	\$91.33	\$98.00	\$110.00	\$115.06	\$51.73	\$51.73	\$65.00	\$86.22
HANCOCK*	D	-	\$38.00	\$41.00	\$43.75	\$49.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$41.25	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$33.75	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$32.50
	W	F	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$205.00	\$210.00	\$170.00	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$159.13	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$195.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$130.00	\$135.00
		P	\$131.25	\$131.25	\$143.00	\$153.89	\$123.75	\$125.33	\$133.00	\$133.00	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$142.48	\$56.00	\$65.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
KENNEBEC	D	-	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$46.00	\$57.60	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$41.00	\$53.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$47.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	W	F	\$180.00	\$185.00	\$200.00	\$288.00	\$160.00	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$265.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$235.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
		P	\$131.90	\$135.57	\$138.00	\$211.05	\$117.96	\$129.02	\$132.70	\$195.37	\$98.64	\$105.94	\$116.90	\$171.70	\$75.00	\$86.22	\$90.00	\$90.00
KNOX*	D	-	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$37.80	\$37.80	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$35.80	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$78.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
	W	F	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$195.00	\$200.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$179.00	\$185.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
		P	\$122.00	\$140.00	\$147.00	\$170.00	\$122.00	\$122.00	\$126.00	\$139.00	\$117.00	\$117.00	\$126.00	\$132.00	\$44.84	\$44.84	\$63.00	\$65.00
LINCOLN*	D	-	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$37.00	\$38.40	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$27.50	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
	W	F	\$172.00	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$235.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$225.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$192.00	\$250.00	\$130.00	\$137.00	\$137.00	\$170.00
		P	\$135.00	\$139.23	\$140.00	\$176.00	\$129.02	\$130.00	\$137.00	\$165.88	\$127.86	\$137.00	\$138.00	\$182.66	\$75.88	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$117.27
OXFORD	D	-	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$38.00	\$27.21	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$38.00	\$29.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$36.00
	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$218.50	\$130.00	\$136.05	\$150.00	\$190.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$155.00	\$170.00	\$72.49	\$75.00	\$115.00	\$118.00
		P	\$106.26	\$106.26	\$128.24	\$160.12	\$100.00	\$103.21	\$110.59	\$150.00	\$91.33	\$94.99	\$113.25	\$124.21	\$41.39	\$41.39	\$51.73	\$51.73
PENOBSCOT	D	-	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$80.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$70.00	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$42.00	\$60.00	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$25.00	\$40.00
	W	F	\$173.00	\$173.00	\$180.00	\$220.00	\$158.00	\$170.00	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$150.00

		P	\$129.75	\$129.75	\$131.90	\$180.00	\$118.50	\$125.33	\$129.02	\$165.00	\$105.00	\$105.94	\$115.44	\$150.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$68.98	\$110.37
PISCATAQUIS*	D	-	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$57.60	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$31.50	\$35.00	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$51.25
	W	F	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$167.93	\$288.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$151.68	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$157.48	\$175.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$115.00	\$125.00
		P	\$106.26	\$106.26	\$123.06	\$211.05	\$103.21	\$106.90	\$106.90	\$111.82	\$91.33	\$98.00	\$110.00	\$115.06	\$51.73	\$51.73	\$65.00	\$86.22
SAGADAHOC*	D	-	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$37.00	\$38.40	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$27.50	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
	W	F	\$172.00	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$235.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$225.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$192.00	\$250.00	\$130.00	\$137.00	\$137.00	\$170.00
		P	\$135.00	\$139.23	\$140.00	\$176.00	\$129.02	\$130.00	\$137.00	\$165.88	\$127.86	\$137.00	\$138.00	\$182.66	\$75.88	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$117.27
SOMERSET*	D	-	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$57.60	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$31.50	\$35.00	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$51.25
	W	F	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$167.93	\$288.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$151.68	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$157.48	\$175.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$115.00	\$125.00
		P	\$106.26	\$106.26	\$123.06	\$211.05	\$103.21	\$106.90	\$106.90	\$111.82	\$91.33	\$98.00	\$110.00	\$115.06	\$51.73	\$51.73	\$65.00	\$86.22
WALDO*	D	-	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$37.80	\$37.80	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$35.80	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$78.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
	W	F	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$195.00	\$200.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$179.00	\$185.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
		P	\$122.00	\$140.00	\$147.00	\$170.00	\$122.00	\$122.00	\$126.00	\$139.00	\$117.00	\$117.00	\$126.00	\$132.00	\$44.84	\$44.84	\$63.00	\$65.00
WASHINGTON*	D	-	\$38.00	\$41.00	\$43.75	\$49.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$41.25	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$33.75	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$32.50
	W	F	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$205.00	\$210.00	\$170.00	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$159.13	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$195.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$130.00	\$135.00
		P	\$131.25	\$131.25	\$143.00	\$153.89	\$123.75	\$125.33	\$133.00	\$133.00	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$142.48	\$56.00	\$65.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
YORK	D	-	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$57.00	\$65.00	\$48.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$74.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$24.73	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
	W	F	\$205.00	\$218.00	\$237.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$204.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$172.00	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$210.00	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$140.00	\$225.00
		P	\$158.78	\$164.88	\$172.21	\$191.00	\$156.00	\$156.00	\$169.00	\$175.00	\$120.56	\$127.86	\$142.48	\$170.00	\$75.00	\$79.33	\$100.00	\$155.20

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Knox, Waldo

Lincoln, Sagadahoc

Appendix B: Family Provider Market Rates

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant				Toddler				Preschool				School Age			
			50th	60th	75th	90th	50th	60th	75th	90th	50th	60th	75th	90th	50th	60th	75th	90th
Statewide	D	-	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$37.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$35.00
	W	F	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$200.00	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$86.50	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$130.00
		P	\$96.70	\$100.03	\$116.71	\$140.00	\$89.05	\$95.65	\$105.55	\$125.00	\$84.04	\$90.00	\$100.85	\$120.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	D	-	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$29.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$29.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$30.00
	W	F	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$110.00
		P	\$90.00	\$95.00	\$100.03	\$120.00	\$85.76	\$90.00	\$98.95	\$108.00	\$84.04	\$90.76	\$97.49	\$100.85	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$67.50	\$81.00
AROOSTOOK	D	-	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	W	F	\$97.50	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$85.00	\$94.71	\$100.00	\$100.00
		P	\$65.00	\$66.69	\$75.00	\$83.36	\$65.48	\$65.97	\$65.97	\$79.16	\$63.87	\$65.00	\$67.23	\$80.68	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$63.35	\$65.00
CUMBERLAND	D	-	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
	W	F	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$220.00	\$275.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$140.00	\$160.00
		P	\$123.38	\$133.38	\$146.72	\$183.40	\$105.55	\$118.74	\$131.93	\$140.00	\$107.57	\$110.93	\$124.38	\$134.46	\$60.18	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$100.00
FRANKLIN	D	-	\$24.50	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$25.00
	W	F	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$95.00	\$100.00
		P	\$83.36	\$83.36	\$90.03	\$100.03	\$75.00	\$82.46	\$85.23	\$98.95	\$70.59	\$77.32	\$88.00	\$100.85	\$47.51	\$50.00	\$56.00	\$69.00
HANCOCK	D	-	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$25.00
	W	F	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$125.00
		P	\$90.03	\$90.03	\$100.03	\$116.71	\$82.46	\$82.46	\$89.05	\$98.95	\$84.04	\$84.04	\$100.85	\$100.85	\$41.18	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$79.19
KENNEBEC	D	-	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$44.50	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$44.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$62.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$41.00
	W	F	\$140.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$90.00	\$94.71	\$100.00	\$100.00
		P	\$90.00	\$93.37	\$100.03	\$106.88	\$82.46	\$82.46	\$92.35	\$115.00	\$80.00	\$84.04	\$90.00	\$100.85	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$63.35	\$65.00
KNOX*	D	-	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$29.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
	W	F	\$132.50	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$220.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$150.00
		P	\$91.70	\$100.00	\$100.03	\$146.72	\$89.05	\$90.00	\$98.95	\$115.44	\$85.00	\$88.70	\$100.85	\$117.66	\$60.00	\$66.52	\$76.02	\$95.03
LINCOLN*	D	-	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$125.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$115.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$55.00
	W	F	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$165.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$140.00	\$165.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
		P	\$93.37	\$93.37	\$93.37	\$110.04	\$82.46	\$92.35	\$92.35	\$108.84	\$84.04	\$95.00	\$110.93	\$175.00	\$50.00	\$53.85	\$63.35	\$76.02
OXFORD	D	-	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$26.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	W	F	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$126.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
		P	\$90.03	\$98.35	\$100.03	\$116.71	\$89.38	\$90.00	\$98.95	\$100.00	\$80.68	\$84.04	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$57.02	\$63.35	\$63.35	\$76.02
PENOBSCOT	D	-	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$42.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$36.75	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
	W	F	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$145.00	\$165.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$165.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$125.00
		P	\$90.00	\$90.03	\$96.70	\$113.37	\$85.76	\$89.05	\$94.00	\$112.14	\$84.04	\$84.04	\$90.00	\$114.29	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$76.02	\$80.00

PISCATAQUIS	D	-	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	W	F	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
		P	\$83.36	\$83.36	\$83.36	\$100.03	\$75.00	\$82.46	\$82.46	\$89.05	\$67.23	\$72.27	\$84.04	\$90.00	\$47.51	\$50.00	\$63.35	\$75.00
SAGADAHOC*	D	-	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$42.50	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$43.75	\$43.75	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$42.50	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$155.00	\$160.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$75.00	\$115.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
		P	\$100.03	\$100.03	\$122.50	\$175.00	\$98.95	\$100.00	\$115.44	\$115.44	\$100.85	\$100.85	\$110.00	\$114.29	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$88.69	\$90.00
SOMERSET	D	-	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	W	F	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
		P	\$83.36	\$83.36	\$83.36	\$100.03	\$75.00	\$82.46	\$82.46	\$89.05	\$67.23	\$72.27	\$84.04	\$90.00	\$47.51	\$50.00	\$63.35	\$75.00
WALDO*	D	-	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$29.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
	W	F	\$132.50	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$220.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$150.00
		P	\$91.70	\$100.00	\$100.03	\$146.72	\$89.05	\$90.00	\$98.95	\$115.44	\$85.00	\$88.70	\$100.85	\$117.66	\$60.00	\$66.52	\$76.02	\$95.03
WASHINGTON	D	-	\$30.50	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$26.00
	W	F	\$128.00	\$155.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$155.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
		P	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$131.25	\$131.25	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$123.75	\$123.75	\$80.00	\$90.76	\$101.25	\$101.25	\$70.51	\$79.19	\$97.50	\$100.00
YORK	D	-	\$38.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$51.00	\$32.50	\$35.00	\$39.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00
	W	F	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$87.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$135.00
		P	\$110.04	\$116.71	\$123.38	\$133.38	\$98.95	\$112.14	\$118.74	\$131.93	\$94.12	\$100.85	\$110.93	\$130.00	\$57.02	\$65.00	\$76.02	\$95.00

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Knox, Waldo
Lincoln, Sagadahoc

Appendix C: Center Provider Market Rates – 50th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			50 th	50 th	50 th	50 th
Statewide	W	F	\$199.00	\$189.00	\$170.00	\$101.48
		P	\$146.56	\$140.00	\$120.00	\$68.98
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$155.00	\$152.00	\$135.00	\$100.00
		P	\$116.25	\$112.50	\$97.18	\$68.98
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$155.00	\$122.08	\$125.00	\$110.00
		P	\$113.58	\$90.00	\$87.68	\$75.00
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$244.00	\$227.00	\$210.00	\$110.00
		P	\$183.20	\$170.00	\$156.36	\$82.50
FRANKLIN*	W	F	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$130.00	\$75.00
		P	\$106.26	\$103.21	\$91.33	\$51.73
HANCOCK*	W	F	\$175.00	\$170.00	\$159.13	\$75.00
		P	\$131.25	\$123.75	\$115.00	\$56.00
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$180.00	\$160.00	\$145.00	\$125.00
		P	\$131.90	\$117.96	\$98.64	\$75.00
KNOX*	W	F	\$189.00	\$165.00	\$160.00	\$65.00
		P	\$122.00	\$122.00	\$117.00	\$44.84
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$172.00	\$170.00	\$175.00	\$130.00
		P	\$135.00	\$129.02	\$127.86	\$75.88
OXFORD	W	F	\$150.00	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$72.49
		P	\$106.26	\$100.00	\$91.33	\$41.39
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$173.00	\$158.00	\$140.00	\$65.00
		P	\$129.75	\$118.50	\$105.00	\$55.00
PISCATAQUIS*	W	F	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$130.00	\$75.00
		P	\$106.26	\$103.21	\$91.33	\$51.73
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$172.00	\$170.00	\$175.00	\$130.00
		P	\$135.00	\$129.02	\$127.86	\$75.88
SOMERSET*	W	F	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$130.00	\$75.00
		P	\$106.26	\$103.21	\$91.33	\$51.73
WALDO*	W	F	\$189.00	\$165.00	\$160.00	\$65.00
		P	\$122.00	\$122.00	\$117.00	\$44.84
WASHINGTON*	W	F	\$175.00	\$170.00	\$159.13	\$75.00
		P	\$131.25	\$123.75	\$115.00	\$56.00
YORK	W	F	\$205.00	\$200.00	\$172.00	\$115.00
		P	\$158.78	\$156.00	\$120.56	\$75.00

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Franklin, Piscataquis,	Hancock, Washington
Somerset	Lincoln, Sagadahoc
Knox, Waldo	

Appendix D: Family Provider Market Rates – 50th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			50 th	50 th	50 th	50 th
Statewide	W	F	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$86.50
		P	\$96.70	\$89.05	\$84.04	\$50.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$75.00
		P	\$90.00	\$85.76	\$84.04	\$50.00
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$97.50	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$85.00
		P	\$65.00	\$65.48	\$63.87	\$50.00
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$180.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$100.00
		P	\$123.38	\$105.55	\$107.57	\$60.18
FRANKLIN	W	F	\$115.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
		P	\$83.36	\$75.00	\$70.59	\$47.51
HANCOCK	W	F	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$65.00
		P	\$90.03	\$82.46	\$84.04	\$41.18
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$90.00
		P	\$90.00	\$82.46	\$80.00	\$50.00
KNOX*	W	F	\$132.50	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
		P	\$91.70	\$89.05	\$85.00	\$60.00
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$85.00
		P	\$93.37	\$82.46	\$84.04	\$50.00
OXFORD	W	F	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$110.00	\$90.00
		P	\$90.03	\$89.38	\$80.68	\$57.02
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
		P	\$90.00	\$85.76	\$84.04	\$50.00
PISCATAQUIS	W	F	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$100.00	\$90.00
		P	\$83.36	\$75.00	\$67.23	\$47.51
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$75.00
		P	\$100.03	\$98.95	\$100.85	\$60.00
SOMERSET	W	F	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$100.00	\$90.00
		P	\$83.36	\$75.00	\$67.23	\$47.51
WALDO*	W	F	\$132.50	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
		P	\$91.70	\$89.05	\$85.00	\$60.00
WASHINGTON	W	F	\$128.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
		P	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$70.51
YORK	W	F	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$87.00
		P	\$110.04	\$98.95	\$94.12	\$57.02

Appendix E: Center Provider Market Rates – 60th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			60 th	60 th	60 th	60 th
Statewide	W	F	\$213.00	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$116.00
		P	\$160.00	\$153.00	\$130.00	\$75.88
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$167.00	\$155.00	\$142.00	\$100.00
		P	\$124.58	\$117.96	\$100.10	\$68.98
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$164.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$120.00
		P	\$119.42	\$99.53	\$87.68	\$75.00
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$251.00	\$235.00	\$218.00	\$118.00
		P	\$194.19	\$176.94	\$169.00	\$89.00
FRANKLIN*	W	F	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$75.00
		P	\$106.26	\$106.90	\$98.00	\$51.73
HANCOCK*	W	F	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$160.00	\$100.00
		P	\$131.25	\$125.33	\$115.00	\$65.00
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$185.00	\$170.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
		P	\$135.57	\$129.02	\$105.94	\$86.22
KNOX*	W	F	\$189.00	\$185.00	\$175.00	\$65.00
		P	\$140.00	\$122.00	\$117.00	\$44.84
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$175.00	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$137.00
		P	\$139.23	\$130.00	\$137.00	\$89.00
OXFORD	W	F	\$150.00	\$136.05	\$125.00	\$75.00
		P	\$106.26	\$103.21	\$94.99	\$41.39
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$173.00	\$170.00	\$150.00	\$65.00
		P	\$129.75	\$125.33	\$105.94	\$55.00
PISCATAQUIS*	W	F	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$75.00
		P	\$106.26	\$106.90	\$98.00	\$51.73
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$175.00	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$137.00
		P	\$139.23	\$130.00	\$137.00	\$89.00
SOMERSET*	W	F	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$75.00
		P	\$106.26	\$106.90	\$98.00	\$51.73
WALDO*	W	F	\$189.00	\$185.00	\$175.00	\$65.00
		P	\$140.00	\$122.00	\$117.00	\$44.84
WASHINGTON*	W	F	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$160.00	\$100.00
		P	\$131.25	\$125.33	\$115.00	\$65.00
YORK	W	F	\$218.00	\$204.00	\$175.00	\$115.00
		P	\$164.88	\$156.00	\$127.86	\$79.33

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Franklin, Piscataquis,	Hancock, Washington
Somerset	Lincoln, Sagadahoc
Knox, Waldo	

Appendix F: Family Provider Market Rates – 60th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			60 th	60 th	60 th	60 th
Statewide	W	F	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$135.00	\$100.00
		P	\$100.03	\$95.65	\$90.00	\$60.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$140.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$80.00
		P	\$95.00	\$90.00	\$90.76	\$55.00
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$94.71
		P	\$66.69	\$65.97	\$65.00	\$50.00
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$165.00	\$125.00
		P	\$133.38	\$118.74	\$110.93	\$75.00
FRANKLIN	W	F	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$105.00	\$75.00
		P	\$83.36	\$82.46	\$77.32	\$50.00
HANCOCK	W	F	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$120.00
		P	\$90.03	\$82.46	\$84.04	\$77.00
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$145.00	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$94.71
		P	\$93.37	\$82.46	\$84.04	\$55.00
KNOX*	W	F	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$110.00
		P	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$88.70	\$66.52
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
		P	\$93.37	\$92.35	\$95.00	\$53.85
OXFORD	W	F	\$140.00	\$130.00	\$120.00	\$100.00
		P	\$98.35	\$90.00	\$84.04	\$63.35
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
		P	\$90.03	\$89.05	\$84.04	\$60.00
PISCATAQUIS	W	F	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$105.00	\$90.00
		P	\$83.36	\$82.46	\$72.27	\$50.00
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$115.00
		P	\$100.03	\$100.00	\$100.85	\$70.00
SOMERSET	W	F	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$105.00	\$90.00
		P	\$83.36	\$82.46	\$72.27	\$50.00
WALDO*	W	F	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$110.00
		P	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$88.70	\$66.52
WASHINGTON	W	F	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
		P	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$90.76	\$79.19
YORK	W	F	\$175.00	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
		P	\$116.71	\$112.14	\$100.85	\$65.00

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Knox, Waldo

Lincoln, Sagadahoc

Appendix G: Center Provider Market Rates – 75th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			75 th	75 th	75 th	75 th
Statewide	W	F	\$240.00	\$225.00	\$205.00	\$125.00
		P	\$180.00	\$169.00	\$150.00	\$90.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$170.00	\$160.00	\$148.00	\$120.00
		P	\$125.00	\$117.96	\$108.14	\$68.98
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$167.00	\$135.00	\$136.00	\$125.00
		P	\$125.50	\$114.75	\$102.00	\$110.00
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$273.65	\$257.00	\$235.00	\$133.00
		P	\$200.53	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$100.00
FRANKLIN*	W	F	\$167.93	\$150.00	\$157.48	\$115.00
		P	\$123.06	\$106.90	\$110.00	\$65.00
HANCOCK*	W	F	\$205.00	\$185.00	\$160.00	\$130.00
		P	\$143.00	\$133.00	\$120.00	\$90.00
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$160.00	\$125.00
		P	\$138.00	\$132.70	\$116.90	\$90.00
KNOX*	W	F	\$195.00	\$189.00	\$179.00	\$90.00
		P	\$147.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$63.00
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$190.00	\$180.00	\$192.00	\$137.00
		P	\$140.00	\$137.00	\$138.00	\$89.00
OXFORD	W	F	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$155.00	\$115.00
		P	\$128.24	\$110.59	\$113.25	\$51.73
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$180.00	\$175.00	\$160.00	\$100.00
		P	\$131.90	\$129.02	\$115.44	\$68.98
PISCATAQUIS*	W	F	\$167.93	\$150.00	\$157.48	\$115.00
		P	\$123.06	\$106.90	\$110.00	\$65.00
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$190.00	\$180.00	\$192.00	\$137.00
		P	\$140.00	\$137.00	\$138.00	\$89.00
SOMERSET*	W	F	\$167.93	\$150.00	\$157.48	\$115.00
		P	\$123.06	\$106.90	\$110.00	\$65.00
WALDO*	W	F	\$195.00	\$189.00	\$179.00	\$90.00
		P	\$147.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$63.00
WASHINGTON*	W	F	\$205.00	\$185.00	\$160.00	\$130.00
		P	\$143.00	\$133.00	\$120.00	\$90.00
YORK	W	F	\$237.00	\$225.00	\$190.00	\$140.00
		P	\$172.21	\$169.00	\$142.48	\$100.00

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Franklin, Piscataquis,	Hancock, Washington
Somerset	Lincoln, Sagadahoc
Knox, Waldo	

Appendix H: Family Provider Market Rates – 75th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			75 th	75 th	75 th	75 th
Statewide	W	F	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$105.00
		P	\$116.71	\$105.55	\$100.85	\$75.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$140.00	\$100.00
		P	\$100.03	\$98.95	\$97.49	\$67.50
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
		P	\$75.00	\$65.97	\$67.23	\$63.35
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$220.00	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$140.00
		P	\$146.72	\$131.93	\$124.38	\$80.00
FRANKLIN	W	F	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$95.00
		P	\$90.03	\$85.23	\$88.00	\$56.00
HANCOCK	W	F	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$120.00
		P	\$100.03	\$89.05	\$100.85	\$77.00
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$130.00	\$100.00
		P	\$100.03	\$92.35	\$90.00	\$63.35
KNOX*	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$120.00
		P	\$100.03	\$98.95	\$100.85	\$76.02
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$165.00	\$100.00
		P	\$93.37	\$92.35	\$110.93	\$63.35
OXFORD	W	F	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
		P	\$100.03	\$98.95	\$90.00	\$63.35
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$120.00
		P	\$96.70	\$94.00	\$90.00	\$76.02
PISCATAQUIS	W	F	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$100.00
		P	\$83.36	\$82.46	\$84.04	\$63.35
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$140.00
		P	\$122.50	\$115.44	\$110.00	\$88.69
SOMERSET	W	F	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$100.00
		P	\$83.36	\$82.46	\$84.04	\$63.35
WALDO*	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$120.00
		P	\$100.03	\$98.95	\$100.85	\$76.02
WASHINGTON	W	F	\$175.00	\$165.00	\$135.00	\$130.00
		P	\$131.25	\$123.75	\$101.25	\$97.50
YORK	W	F	\$190.00	\$175.00	\$160.00	\$125.00
		P	\$123.38	\$118.74	\$110.93	\$76.02

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Knox, Waldo

Lincoln, Sagadahoc

Appendix I: Center Provider Market Rates – 90th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			90 th	90 th	90 th	90 th
Statewide	W	F	\$277.00	\$257.50	\$235.00	\$137.00
		P	\$204.00	\$195.37	\$180.00	\$100.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$199.00	\$189.00	\$179.00	\$120.00
		P	\$159.00	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$90.00
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$167.00	\$153.00	\$136.00	\$125.00
		P	\$125.50	\$125.00	\$102.00	\$110.00
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$288.00	\$273.65	\$255.00	\$150.00
		P	\$243.00	\$225.00	\$221.94	\$120.00
FRANKLIN*	W	F	\$288.00	\$151.68	\$175.00	\$125.00
		P	\$211.05	\$111.82	\$115.06	\$86.22
HANCOCK*	W	F	\$210.00	\$185.00	\$195.00	\$135.00
		P	\$153.89	\$133.00	\$142.48	\$90.00
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$288.00	\$265.00	\$235.00	\$125.00
		P	\$211.05	\$195.37	\$171.70	\$90.00
KNOX*	W	F	\$200.00	\$189.00	\$185.00	\$100.00
		P	\$170.00	\$139.00	\$132.00	\$65.00
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$235.00	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$170.00
		P	\$176.00	\$165.88	\$182.66	\$117.27
OXFORD	W	F	\$218.50	\$190.00	\$170.00	\$118.00
		P	\$160.12	\$150.00	\$124.21	\$51.73
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$220.00	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$150.00
		P	\$180.00	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$110.37
PISCATAQUIS*	W	F	\$288.00	\$151.68	\$175.00	\$125.00
		P	\$211.05	\$111.82	\$115.06	\$86.22
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$235.00	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$170.00
		P	\$176.00	\$165.88	\$182.66	\$117.27
SOMERSET*	W	F	\$288.00	\$151.68	\$175.00	\$125.00
		P	\$211.05	\$111.82	\$115.06	\$86.22
WALDO*	W	F	\$200.00	\$189.00	\$185.00	\$100.00
		P	\$170.00	\$139.00	\$132.00	\$65.00
WASHINGTON*	W	F	\$210.00	\$185.00	\$195.00	\$135.00
		P	\$153.89	\$133.00	\$142.48	\$90.00
YORK	W	F	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$210.00	\$225.00
		P	\$191.00	\$175.00	\$170.00	\$155.20

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Franklin, Piscataquis,	Hancock, Washington
Somerset	Lincoln, Sagadahoc
Knox, Waldo	

Appendix J: Family Provider Market Rates – 90th Percentile

Legend:

W = Weekly F = Full-time P = Part-time

			Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
			90 th	90 th	90 th	90 th
Statewide	W	F	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$175.00	\$130.00
		P	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$85.00
ANDROSCOGGIN	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$110.00
		P	\$120.00	\$108.00	\$100.85	\$81.00
AROOSTOOK	W	F	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
		P	\$83.36	\$79.16	\$80.68	\$65.00
CUMBERLAND	W	F	\$275.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$160.00
		P	\$183.40	\$140.00	\$134.46	\$100.00
FRANKLIN	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
		P	\$100.03	\$98.95	\$100.85	\$69.00
HANCOCK	W	F	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
		P	\$116.71	\$98.95	\$100.85	\$79.19
KENNEBEC	W	F	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$100.00
		P	\$106.88	\$115.00	\$100.85	\$65.00
KNOX*	W	F	\$220.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00
		P	\$146.72	\$115.44	\$117.66	\$95.03
LINCOLN*	W	F	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$120.00
		P	\$110.04	\$108.84	\$175.00	\$76.02
OXFORD	W	F	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$126.00	\$125.00
		P	\$116.71	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$76.02
PENOBSCOT	W	F	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
		P	\$113.37	\$112.14	\$114.29	\$80.00
PISCATAQUIS	W	F	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
		P	\$100.03	\$89.05	\$90.00	\$75.00
SAGadahoc*	W	F	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$170.00	\$140.00
		P	\$175.00	\$115.44	\$114.29	\$90.00
SOMERSET	W	F	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
		P	\$100.03	\$89.05	\$90.00	\$75.00
WALDO*	W	F	\$220.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00
		P	\$146.72	\$115.44	\$117.66	\$95.03
WASHINGTON	W	F	\$175.00	\$165.00	\$135.00	\$130.00
		P	\$131.25	\$123.75	\$101.25	\$100.00
YORK	W	F	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$135.00
		P	\$133.38	\$131.93	\$130.00	\$95.00

*Counties with less than 10 provider responses were combined with neighboring counties for the percentile estimations. These include:

Knox, Waldo

Lincoln, Sagadahoc

Appendix K: Sample sizes for Calculating Percentiles


Legend:

D = Daily **W = Weekly** **F = Full-time** **P = Part-time**

		Center				Family			
		Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age	Infant	Toddler	Pre-school	School-age
Statewide	D -	239	277	364	256	523	567	588	481
	W F	240	282	363	251	523	569	586	488
	P	237	281	362	248	509	566	581	474
ANDROSCOGGIN	D -	24	27	31	27	61	64	66	66
	W F	24	27	31	27	62	64	66	66
	P	24	27	31	27	59	64	65	65
AROOSTOOK	D -	12	10	15	9	37	41	42	39
	W F	13	13	15	9	38	41	42	41
	P	13	13	15	9	35	41	42	40
CUMBERLAND	D -	70	85	104	74	105	106	102	63
	W F	71	87	105	75	104	106	103	63
	P	70	86	105	74	103	106	102	58
FRANKLIN	D -	10	13	21	10	21	21	24	23
	W F	11	13	23	10	21	21	23	23
	P	10	13	22	9	21	21	23	23
HANCOCK	D -	11	13	19	12	14	18	19	9
	W F	10	13	17	11	14	18	20	9
	P	10	13	17	11	14	18	19	8
KENNEBEC	D -	17	18	28	27	70	74	82	67
	W F	17	18	27	27	71	77	82	71
	P	17	18	27	27	67	74	82	70
KNOX	D -	12	16	20	16	23	31	35	26
	W F	12	16	19	14	22	30	33	26
	P	12	16	19	14	22	30	33	26
LINCOLN	D -	12	14	15	17	10	10	9	8
	W F	12	14	16	17	10	10	9	8
	P	12	14	16	17	10	10	9	8
OXFORD	D -	13	15	15	10	20	23	24	20
	W F	13	15	15	11	19	23	24	19
	P	13	15	15	11	19	23	24	19
PENOBSCOT	D -	23	29	41	21	41	46	47	46
	W F	23	29	41	19	41	45	46	47
	P	23	29	41	19	40	45	45	44
PISCATAQUIS	D -	10	13	21	10	24	28	33	26
	W F	11	13	23	10	22	28	32	26
	P	10	13	22	9	22	28	31	26
SAGadahoc	D -	12	14	15	17	17	17	15	14
	W F	12	14	16	17	17	17	15	14
	P	12	14	16	17	16	17	15	14
SOMERSET	D -	10	13	21	10	24	28	33	26
	W F	11	13	23	10	22	28	32	26
	P	10	13	22	9	22	28	31	26

WALDO	D	-	12	16	20	16	23	31	35	26
	W	F	12	16	19	14	22	30	33	26
		P	12	16	19	14	22	30	33	26
WASHINGTON	D	-	11	13	19	12	10	12	13	12
	W	F	10	13	17	11	10	12	13	12
		P	10	13	17	11	10	12	13	12
YORK	D	-	35	37	54	32	70	75	76	61
	W	F	34	37	53	30	71	76	77	62
		P	33	37	53	29	70	76	77	60

Appendix L: Survey Instruments



Department of Health
and Human Services

*Maine People Living
Safe, Healthy and Productive Lives*

Paul R. LePage, Governor Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner

2015 Maine Market Rate Survey Family Child Care Provider

Please fill out this questionnaire in blue or black ball point pen. Your responses are confidential.

General Information

1. Are you currently providing child care?

- ☐ Yes (Go to Question 2)
☐ No

1a. Why are you not currently providing child care?

- ☐ Lack of demand for care in my community
☐ Financial challenges, such as low payment rates
☐ Personal reasons, such as retirement, health issues
☐ Challenges in meeting regulatory standards
☐ Other reason: _____

Go to Question 15

2. Using the grid below, please identify the days and times that your program is typically open.

Please note that the survey is interested only with a standard day, not evening hours if they are considered a separate shift.

Days Open What days is your program normally open?	Start Time What is the earliest time that children can arrive at your program?	End Time What is the latest time that children can leave your program?
<input type="radio"/> Monday	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm
<input type="radio"/> Wednesday	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm
<input type="radio"/> Thursday	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm
<input type="radio"/> Friday	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm
<input type="radio"/> Saturday	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm
<input type="radio"/> Sunday	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm	____ : ____ <input type="radio"/> am <input type="radio"/> pm

Capacity

3. In the table below, please provide the number of children you prefer to serve and your current openings for each age group.

Age Group	Desired Capacity Max number of children you prefer to serve	Subsidy Capacity Max number of children with subsidy you prefer to serve	Vancancies Number of full- or part-time openings today
Infant (6 weeks - 12 months)	_____	_____	_____
Toddler (13 - 36 months)	_____	_____	_____
Preschool (37 months - kindergarten enrolled)	_____	_____	_____
School Age (enrolled in school)	_____	_____	_____

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use a No. 2 pencil or a blue or black ink pen only.
- Do not use pens with ink that soaks through the paper.
- Make solid marks that fill the response completely.
- Make no stray marks on this form.

CORRECT: ●

INCORRECT: ✗ ⊗ ⊙ ⊖



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(tray) (presort)

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Rates

Important Instructions – Please Read. The next few questions ask about the maximum rate that your program charges to provide care for children of different ages.

- **Do provide** your usual, published rates for weekday care your program would charge a parent.
- **Do not** include sliding scale rates, discounted rates, extended care rates (early care/late pick-up) or extra fees for special services.
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- **Do you** have more than one full-time rate? If so, please use the one that applies to the most children.

4. Does your program charge standard part-time or full-time monthly rates?

☐ No (Go to Question 5)

☐ Yes

Specify any MONTHLY rates charged

Leave rates you don't provide blank

	Infants (6 wks - 12 mo)	Toddlers (13 - 36 mo)	Preschool (37 mo - kindergarten enrolled)	School Age (enrolled in school)
Part-time mo rate: \$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Full-time mo rate: \$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

4a. How many hours per month defines full-time? Hours per month

5. Does your program charge standard part-time or full-time weekly rates?

☐ No (Go to Question 6)

☐ Yes

Specify any WEEKLY rates charged

Leave rates you don't provide blank

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Full-time wk rate: \$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

5a. How many hours per week defines full-time? Hours per week

6. Does your program charge a standard daily rate for a full day of care?

☐ No (Go to Question 7)

☐ Yes

Specify any DAILY rates charged

Leave rates you don't provide blank

	Infants (6 wks - 12 mo)	Toddlers (13 - 36 mo)	Preschool (37 mo - kindergarten enrolled)	School Age (enrolled in school)
Full-time daily rate: \$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

6a. How many hours per day defines full-time care? Hours per day

Rates (cont.)

7. Does your program charge a standard hourly rate?

☐ No (Go to Question 8)☐ Yes

Specify any HOURLY rates charged

Leave rates you don't provide blank

	Infants (6 wks - 12 mo)	Toddlers (13 - 36 mo)	Preschool (37 mo - kindergarten enrolled)	School Age (enrolled in school)
Hourly rate:	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

8. Which of the following are provided by your program at no additional charge to the parent?

Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="radio"/> Meals | <input type="radio"/> Diapers |
| <input type="radio"/> Snacks | <input type="radio"/> Art supplies |
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| <input type="radio"/> Formula | |

Accreditation

9. Is your program accredited (e.g., NAFCC, etc.), or in the process of obtaining accreditation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Managing Behavioral Challenges

10. Over the past 12 months, please indicate whether your program took any of the following steps due to a child's behavioral problems.

Please do not include children who were transferred in a planned manner to more appropriate settings, such as special education or a therapeutic program.

	Never	Only Once	On Multiple Occasions	Do Not Know
Asked a family to terminate participation or enroll their child in a different program.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Suspended a family or child for a certain number of days.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limited the number of hours that a family or child can participate in the program.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Serving Children with Special Needs

11. Does your program currently serve any children with special needs (e.g., learning disability, deafness/blindness, autism, ADHD, etc.)?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
12. Considering the resources available to your program, how would you describe your program's ability to accommodate children with special needs?
- ☐ Poor
☐ Fair
☐ Good
☐ Very Good
☐ Excellent
13. What additional supports and resources would help your program to better support children with special needs? *Please check all that apply.*
- ☐ Increased reimbursement rates
☐ Additional in-person trainings
☐ Consultations by phone or on-site
☐ Therapists who provide services on-site
☐ Networking or peer discussion groups
☐ Other: _____
14. Over the past 12 months, has your program served any children whose families experienced homelessness?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
15. We may need to contact you to verify the information contained in your survey responses.
Please provide your contact information below.
- Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____



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2015 Maine Market Rate Survey Child Care Centers

Please fill out this questionnaire in blue or black ball point pen. Your responses are confidential.

General Information

1. Are you currently providing child care?

- ☐ Yes (Go to Question 2)
☐ No

1a. Why are you not currently providing child care?

- ☐ Lack of demand for care in my community
☐ Financial challenges, such as low payment rates
☐ Personal reasons, such as retirement, health issues
☐ Challenges in meeting regulatory standards
☐ Other reason: _____

Go to Question 15

2. Using the grid below, please identify the days and times that your program is typically open.

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Days Open What days is your program normally open?	Start Time What is the earliest time that children can arrive at your program?	End Time What is the latest time that children can leave your program?
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Capacity

3. In the table below, please provide the number of children you prefer to serve and your current openings for each age group.

Age Group	Desired Capacity Max number of children you prefer to serve	Subsidy Capacity Max number of children with subsidy you prefer to serve	Vancancies Number of full- or part-time openings today
Infant (6 weeks - 12 months)	_____	_____	_____
Toddler (13 - 36 months)	_____	_____	_____
Preschool (37 months - kindergarten enrolled)	_____	_____	_____
School Age (enrolled in school)	_____	_____	_____

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Rates

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- **Do you** have more than one full-time rate? If so, please use the one that applies to the most children.

4. Does the center charge standard part-time or full-time monthly rates?

- ☐ No (Go to Question 5)
☐ Yes

Specify any MONTHLY rates charged

Leave rates you don't provide blank

	Infants (6 wks - 12 mo)	Toddlers (13 - 36 mo)	Preschool (37 mo - kindergarten enrolled)	School Age (enrolled in school)
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4a. How many hours per month defines full-time?..... Hours per month

5. Does the center charge standard part-time or full-time weekly rates?

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☐ Yes

Specify any WEEKLY rates charged

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Rates (cont.)

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2015 Maine Market Rate Survey Legal, Unregulated Child Care Provider

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Rates (cont.)

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Specify any DAILY rates charged

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Specify any HOURLY rates charged

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